(*b*) whether the Government are aware that besides unskilled boatsmen and unsafe boats, usually plied in crossing the river, large traffic from one place to another is carried on over large distances on the river for several miles by unskilled boatsmen with unseaworthy craft ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have called for any report of the accidents in the river at Kotipalli during the flood season of 1926 ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to G.O. No. 2509 I., dated 1st November 1927, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) The Government have no particular information.

(*c*) No.

Police

Control and supervision of brothels and prostitutes.

* 1390 *Q.*—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been drawn to the remarks of the Commissioner of Police, Madras, in paragraphs 20 and 41 of his Administration Report, 1926, relating to the control and supervision of brothels and prostitutes and the need for investing the Commissioner of Police with more powers to deal with the evil ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to introduce any legislation dealing with the subject ;

(*c*) whether any non-official member has given notice to Government of a Bill dealing with the subject ; and

(*d*) what the Government's attitude is in regard to the Bill ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Government will not oppose the introduction of the Bill.

Mr. C. GOPALA MENON :—" With regard to clause (*b*), will the Government be pleased to state why the Government is not interested in introducing a Bill for this purpose ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" As they found that an hon. Member had already introduced a measure as stated in (*c*), they do not propose the introduction of another Bill."

Appointment of Inspectors of Police.

* 1391 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have received the information called for with regard to clauses (*a*) to (*e*) of my question No. 1226 about the appointment of Inspectors of Police answered on 5th November 1927 and, if so, whether they will be pleased to lay it on the Council Table ?

A.—Yes. The information is laid on the table. [a]

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on page 225 infra.